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In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, the Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

Clean Version of Amendments**In the Specification:****On pages 9-10, bridging paragraph**

- The general operation of system 10 at the transmitter end is shown in the flow chart of Fig. 7, at steps 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, and 104. A communications link between transmitter 15 and receiver 17 is initiated with a conventional 3-way handshake, as described above. Transmitter 15 then determines the round-trip time over network 12. The manner in which these times can be determined is described in greater detail below. A sequence of packets 20 is then sent to receiver 17, and a round-trip timer 36 and re-transmission time-out timer 38, is set for each packet. When

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Please file attached response to the outstanding office action dated November 15, 2002.

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Yours very truly,

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